

**Senate File 326 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting the expenditure of certain public moneys  
2 for dues or membership fees to certain high school athletic  
3 organizations.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION.   280.13D   Limitation on expenditure  
2 of certain public moneys for high school athletic organizations.

3     1. For purposes of this section, "*organization*" means the  
4 same as defined in section 280.13.

5     2. On or after January 1, 2022, a school district shall not  
6 expend any moneys to pay dues or membership fees to the Iowa  
7 high school athletic association or the Iowa girls high school  
8 athletic union. On or after January 1, 2022, a school district  
9 may expend moneys to pay dues or membership fees to a single  
10 organization that is a successor organization to both the Iowa  
11 high school athletic association and the Iowa girls high school  
12 athletic union.

13    3. On or after January 1, 2022, an accredited or  
14 unaccredited nonpublic school shall not expend any moneys  
15 originating from the state to pay dues or membership fees to  
16 the Iowa high school athletic association or the Iowa girls  
17 high school athletic union. On or after January 1, 2022, an  
18 accredited or unaccredited nonpublic school may expend moneys  
19 originating from the state to pay dues or membership fees to a  
20 single organization that is a successor organization to both  
21 the Iowa high school athletic association and the Iowa girls  
22 high school athletic union.

23    Sec. 2. NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — REPORT TO  
24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

25    1. If the Iowa high school athletic association or the  
26 Iowa girls high school athletic union ceases to operate as an  
27 independent organization, as defined in section 280.13, the  
28 Iowa high school athletic association or the Iowa girls high  
29 school athletic union shall, prior to cessation of operation,  
30 notify the department of education in writing of the date on  
31 which such operation shall cease.

32    2. Upon receiving written notice pursuant to subsection  
33 1, the department of education shall submit a report to  
34 the governor and the general assembly within sixty days  
35 recommending any legislation necessary to reflect the cessation

1 of operation of the Iowa high school athletic association or  
2 the Iowa girls high school athletic union and the commencement  
3 of operation of any successor organization.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill prohibits a school district from expending any  
8 moneys to pay dues or membership fees to the Iowa high school  
9 athletic association (IHSAA) or the Iowa girls high school  
10 athletic union (IGHSAU) on or after January 1, 2022. The bill  
11 authorizes a school district to expend moneys to pay dues or  
12 membership fees to a single organization that is a successor  
13 organization to both the IHSAA and the IGHSAU on or after  
14 January 1, 2022. The bill contains similar requirements for  
15 the expenditure of any moneys originating from the state by an  
16 accredited or unaccredited nonpublic school.

17 If the IHSAA or the IGHSAU ceases to operate as an  
18 independent organization, the bill requires the IHSAA or the  
19 IGHSAU to notify the department of education in writing of the  
20 date on which such operation shall cease prior to cessation  
21 of operation. Upon receiving such notice, the bill requires  
22 the department to submit a report to the governor and the  
23 general assembly within 60 days recommending any legislation  
24 necessary to reflect the cessation of operation of the IHSAA or  
25 the IGHSAU and the commencement of operation of any successor  
26 organization.